

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 2 and 4-6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102. Claims 7-9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103. Claim 8 has also been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112. Claim 3 has been objected to. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 10-16 have been allowed. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

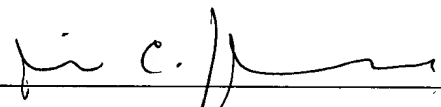
The Examiner has indicated that Claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the limitations of Claim 3 have been incorporated into Claim 1, from which Claim 3 depended. Claim 3 has been cancelled without prejudice. Thus, Claim 1 is now in condition for allowance. Claims 2 and 4-9, which depend either directly or indirectly from Claim 1, are, therefore, also in condition for allowance.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's allowance of Claims 10-16.

In view of the foregoing, favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. It is submitted that the claims of record are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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PANEL AND METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING SAME

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated August 28, 2002, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 3 without prejudice.

1. (Amended) A liquid-crystal display panel comprising:

a plurality of pixels; and

a columnar spacer formed and disposed on a portion of a surface of a multi-layered film, said film formed on a surface of a substrate facing a transparent electrode provided in at least a part of pixels among a plurality of pixel portions forming a liquid-crystal display panel, said portion of said multi-layered film having little variation in thickness,

wherein said columnar spacer is formed on a transparent electrode film.

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